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## THOMAS J. LYSAGHT BEING BOOMED FOR STATE OFFICE

His Friends Would Have Him to Make the Race for Nomination for Lieutenant Governor

The List of Candidates for the Various State Offices Is Rapidly Filling with the Best of Men

JEFFERSON CITY, Mo., Dec. 5.—(Special Correspondence.)—The preliminary campaign of the democratic party in Missouri, the contest for honors on the next state ticket, to be decided by the general primary of August, unlike the turbulent situation which already befriends the warring factions of the g. o. p. and which promises to grow worse as the winter speeds on and spring approaches, will open in a few days with partisan harmony and good-feeling in evidence everywhere. It seems to be the prevailing belief, according to advice received here from every city and town along the main highways and from every remote nook and corner of the state, that only high class democrats, each a hundred per cent American, will be nominated at the August primary, and that the final state ticket will be one every Missourian who has the welfare of the state close at heart, can, and will, warmly support, regardless of former political affiliations. Hundreds of publicans and nearly all independent voters of the state, it is predicted, thoroughly dissatisfied over the wet and dry fight which seems to be the paramount issue at the present moment in republican ranks, and highly incensed over the failure of a g. o. p. Senate to end the war by ratifying the treaty and the League of Nations covenant, will indicate their disapproval of such partisan follies through voting the national and state democratic ticket next November.

**Full of Friendly Activity**  
Unless all present signs fail the coming primary contest will be one full of friendly activity, with each aspirant for a place on the state ticket determined to win by all honorable means, but all possessed with the conscientious opinion, in case of defeat, that a good democrat won, and that it is up to all native born and naturalized electors to clearly demonstrate to the country that Americanism holds full sway and is in absolute control in Missouri, through giving all nominees from United States Senator and for Governor down to district congressmen a substantial plurality.

Party leaders who have been in close touch with the rank and file of democracy since the harmonious party powwow in Jefferson City October 14, declare that the feeling encountered everywhere is that any democrat candidate seeking a high or low place on the state ticket inaugurating any campaign which resembles in the slightest degree mud-throwing or muck-raking might as well eliminate himself immediately by withdrawing from the preliminary or else party electors will do the task thoroughly on primary day in August.

**A High Class Senator**  
While no definite declaration has been made by any democratic possibility for the high honor of making the race for the United States Senate, Missouri possesses some very substantial timber from which the selection will be made. The spirit of the contest is that the successful candidate must be a democrat of high business or professional standing in the state, one whose capability and adaptability and other characteristics are beyond question. If three of four entries measure up to this standard democratic electors will quickly decide on primary day which one fully meets all requirements. Among those freely and continually mentioned for the nomination are: Governor Frederick D. Gardner, Ambassador David R. Francis, former governors A. M. Dockery and E. W. Major, Attorney-General F. W. McAllister, Assistant Secretary of State Breckinridge Long, Dr. J. T. M. Johnston, Attorney Charles M. Hay and Missouri's popular Congressman Champ Clark.

**A Big Field for Governor**  
While the friends of Lieutenant Governor Wallace Crossley and of John M. Atkinson have reason to believe that both will enter the race for the gubernatorial nomination there are other democratic Missourians of equal calibre who may be persuaded to get into the contest. The latest possibility is State Beverage Inspect-

## THE UNLUCKY THIRTEEN

For They Were Headed For and Landed in the Penitentiary by Sheriff Isaacson.

There's no use talking—thirteen is an unlucky number as that bunch of thirteen penitentiary birds discovered on Wednesday, when Sheriff Isaacson and his five guards landed them at Jefferson City and the warden of the state penitentiary locked them up for various terms.

But one of them had a life term staring him in the face, he being the colored fellow, Andrew Locke, who last summer shot and killed Kit Ardell, another negro. This will be his third term in the penitentiary. Others are Francisco Paris, ten years; Clarence Payne, three; Edgar Byington, two; Joseph Ennis, two; William Rogers, two; Jack Tyler, three; Walter Keller, four; Virgil Stufflebeams, two; Horace Swenson, two; James Tugles, two; Delno Lawter, two, and Kearney Cooper, two years.

An application was made in the criminal court for the parole of Swenson, for the reason that "Pinkerton detectives have been hounding him" ever since he was convicted of a felony in another state seven years ago, according to James L. Morearity of Omaha, who came here to appeal to the court for clemency. Judge Utz refused parole on the ground that Swenson is of mature years.

## OUTLOOK THE BEST

Senator McGruder Says That Conditions For the Democrats Were Never Better.

JEFFERSON CITY, Mo., Dec. 4.—(Special Correspondence.)—State Bank Commissioner Earlhart last Friday issued a charter to State Senator Mark A. McGruder of Sedalia, authorizing the Farmers' Bank of Preston to do business at Preston, Hickory county, Missouri. The capital stock is \$10,000 and all is paid up. The stockholders number ten.

State Senator McGruder who was democratic floor leader of the last state senate, a month ago announced his candidacy for Attorney-General, subject to the primary of next August. While here he stated the outlook for the success of democracy in 1920 never looked better. Information he has gathered from friends all over the state is to the effect that thousands of republicans and independent voters will support the straight democratic ticket next November.

## SCHNEIDER POST NOMINATES

Jack Schneider Post is now installed in their new quarters in the Carby building, and having secured a permanent home, will now elect officers. The election will take place Dec. 16 and there has been placed in nomination for commander, Fred Windsor, Wesley Goode and Robert A. Rhoades; for senior vice-commander, Murray Kalia, Fred Windsor, Marvin Cliff and Harry Meyers; for junior vice-commander, Harry Meyers, Arthur F. Hughes and J. H. McClean; for quartermaster, Dr. W. A. Robinson and Wesley Goode; for chaplain, Dr. W. L. Kenney; for officer of the day, Marvin Cliff, Emil Stock, and Webb Siemens; for post surgeon, Dr. George Boteler and Dr. W. A. Robinson.

## ALEXANDER'S FRIENDS ARE HIGHLY PLEASED

The news of the selection of Judge J. A. Alexander of Gallatin to be Secretary of Commerce, to succeed William C. Redfield, was received with great satisfaction by the hundreds of friends Judge Alexander has in St. Joseph, where he is almost as well known as he is at home. Judge Alexander has made a model representative in Congress, and the splendid post tendered him by President Wilson is but another testimonial of the great value that is attached to him by those with whom he is surrounded.

pride when the final campaign opens after the August primary.

State Treasurer George E. Middlecamp will make the race for State Auditor, if he listens to his friends. He cannot under the law, succeed himself as State Treasurer. Like Governor Gardner and Secretary of State Sullivan he has made an enviable record for efficiency and economy during the last three years. Other democrats suggested for the same nomination include State Senator Von Mayes of Hayti, B. L. Marrs of Bollinger county, Banker James Jamison of Richhill, State Labor Commissioner William H. Lewis, Paul Young of St. Louis, State Senator Frank G. Harris of Columbia, A. W. McCauley of Carthage and J. C. A. Miller of St. Louis county, member of the State Capitol Building.

**Sullivan Should Not Be Opposed**  
For Secretary of State it does not, at the present moment, look like the present incumbent, John L. Sullivan, will have any opposition at the primary. It is his first term in the place and the expressed feeling everywhere seems to be that he is entitled to a second term. Friends are emphatically declaring that his skillful, efficient and economical management of the affairs of Missouri during the last three years is a democratic achievement the party can point to with

## WARM SUBJECT UNDER COLD AUSPICES

But It May Help to Stir Up the Cold Blood Even If It Is.

## TELLS OF MISSOURI'S COAL OUTPUT

Even If There Are None of the Black Diamonds to Be Had Just Now It Is a Trifle Consoling to Know That When the Mines Are Working They Can Produce All That the State Requires and Then Some.

JEFFERSON CITY, Mo., December 4.—(Special Correspondence.)—It is of interest to Missourians with the present coal shortage affecting more or less every industry, transportation corporation, and household of the state, to know the total quantity of coal which is consumed annually in the state, and what distribution is made of the 5,670,000 tons of bituminous coal the mines of the commonwealth now contribute yearly to the available supply. According to information collected by the Missouri Bureau of Labor Statistics, given publicity today by Labor Commissioner William H. Lewis, it takes, approximately 14,450,000 tons every year to fill all home demands of the state.

While Missouri coal deposits are ample enough to fully supply all annual demand of the state for generations to come, yet the output of 1918, minus the quantity which was shipped into other states, only represented 32.2 per cent of the quantity consumed in the commonwealth, fully 68 per cent being shipped in from elsewhere. The reason for this condition is that in eastern Missouri, including St. Louis, coal imported from Illinois and Kentucky sells cheaper than the state article, due chiefly to the cost of transportation. A similar condition, relating to the coal of Arkansas and Kansas, applies to south-west Missouri.

## By Whom It Is Used

Of the annual coal output of Missouri mines, 55 per cent is used by the industries and households of the state; 37 per cent by railroads; and eight per cent is shipped to other states, namely to Colorado, Iowa, Kansas and Oklahoma. The same percentage of consumption applies to all coal shipped into Missouri from other states.

The annual bituminous coal consumption of the state, all demands, is placed at 14,250,000 tons. These figures include half anthracite coal shipped in from Arkansas, Oklahoma and other points. In addition, Pennsylvania annually supplies Missouri with 200,000 tons of pure anthracite coal, and this total, combined with the total of soft and the small quantity of semi-hard coal already referred to, constitutes the total yearly consumption of 14,450,000 tons.

## Seven Million By Manufacturers

Of the 14,250,000 tons of soft and semi-anthracite coal consumed in Missouri in 1918, nearly 7,000,000 tons were used for manufacturing and other industrial purposes; 3,000,000 tons by the households of the state; 2,100,000 tons by transportation corporations; 1,050,000 tons by electrical utilities; 575,000 tons by gas manufacturing companies; 360,000 tons in the manufacture of coke and other by-products; and 162,000 tons at Missouri mines for steam power and heating, states the Missouri Bureau of Labor Statistics bulletin which was prepared by Supervisor of Statistics A. T. Edmonston.

Other states supplied Missouri in 1918 with a total of 9,240,000 tons of soft and hard coal, divided as follows: from Illinois, 6,900,000 tons; from Iowa, 250,000 tons; from Indiana, 69,990 tons; from Kentucky, 510,000 tons; from Kansas, 200,000 tons; from Arkansas, 200,000 tons.

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## THE MEDICAL DOGS ELECT OFFICERS

The annual election of officers of the Buchanan County Medical Society was held on Wednesday night when Dr. L. J. Dandurand was elected president; Dr. H. S. Conrad, vice-president; Dr. T. M. Paul, second vice-president; Dr. Frank D. Hartigan, secretary; Dr. J. M. Bell, treasurer; Dr. P. H. Ladd, censor; Dr. Floyd H. Spencer and Dr. Daniel J. Jarnum, delegates.

If you want good better work try "Rusky & Perk". Will also conduct laundry agency and have hats cleaned and blocked. Come in—you are well come.—Fairfax Forum.

## CALKINS AND WING

They Will Contest For the Honor of Being President of the Commerce Club Next Year.

For a time it looked as though Jerry Wing would have no opposition for president of the Commerce Club for the ensuing term, but at the last moment the name of Ray R. Calkins was filed as an opponent to him. The election will take place on Dec. 16, at which time a full roster of officers and directors will be elected. G. A. Aylesworth and Louis Motter have been nominated for vice president in charge of the traffic division. The other nominations are as follows:

Vice-presidents, C. L. Faust, civic division; W. L. Connett, publicity and good roads; M. E. Mayer, retail; John Wunderlich, industry and building; directors, R. M. Bacheller, A. J. Brunswig, William Albrecht, F. R. Castle, R. R. Clark, H. W. Conner, Ellsworth Block, T. W. Dodd, R. W. Douglas, A. H. Baker, S. R. Farmer, R. T. Forbes, Ewing Herbert, Sam Hochkiss, Charles H. Mayer, W. F. Kirkpatrick, E. E. Trower, B. W. Melick, P. A. Moore, N. D. Biles, J. A. McGee, Dr. W. J. McGill, W. R. Seaman, I. A. Vant, T. R. Wall, W. J. Adams, R. R. Calkins, Herman Einstein, W. K. James, M. P. Lawler, R. O. McBride, W. R. Seaman.

## LOST IN THAT COUNTY

The Road Bond Election in Worth County Was Not Endorsed by Farmers.

A special road bond election was held in Worth county last week, at which time the township plan was tried out by the promoters, who had failed some time before when the county voted as a whole. The farmers seem to know a few things themselves up that way, for they defeated the proposition in every one but one precinct, the proposition securing but a majority of 11 in the whole vote, where a two-thirds majority was necessary. The result by townships was as follows:

Allen township, for 75, against 112; necessary to carry 126; Fletcher for 148, against 82, necessary to carry 158; Greene, for 46, against 44, necessary to carry 60; Middlefork, for 63, against 43, necessary to carry 74; Smith township, for 49, against 46; necessary to carry 64; Union, for 81, against 123, necessary to carry 156. West Union was the only precinct to give the necessary two-thirds vote.

## JAS. O. STARKS IS NO MORE

A Well Known Educator Succumbs to the Infirmary of Old Age.

There were hundreds of people in St. Joseph Tuesday who had long and well known James O. Starks, who on that day heard of his death which occurred the night before at his residence, 3322 Mitchell avenue, as the result of old age combined with attendant diabetes. He was seventy-eight years of age, and leaves a wife and one brother and one sister surviving him. The funeral occurred from the family home Wednesday, conducted by Rev. Chilton, and a great number of friends attended.

## THE FUEL SITUATION A LITTLE BETTER

With all local relief associations at work, the fuel situation here is a little better today than it was. The first real shipment of new coal, 24 cars, was received Thursday from Wyoming. The Fuel Emergency board has put the ban on everything that went to the loss of coal, and after 5 p. m. the city streets resemble a village graveyard.

## JUDGE MCCLANAHAN VOTED YES

In justice to the Republican end of the county court—but not at their suggestion—it should be stated that the statement made in this paper two weeks ago to the effect that Judge McClanahan voted no in the matter of paying Treasurer Francis a commission for handling school funds, was an error, as the Democratic judge voted yes, with his Republican colleagues.

Mrs. Sophia Burkel, 76 years of age, died from blood poison caused by a pin scratch, at her home in Jefferson City Monday.

## UNCLE "LIV" AGAIN ROCKED THE CANOE

And That Has Given All of the Rowers a Bad Case of the "Jims."

## AND JOE BLACK AND TOM MARKS ARE HELPING

In Consequence of Which the Wet and Dry Fight in the Grand Old Party of Standpatism and Reform Over Whether It Is to—Or Not to Be—Spencer is Developing Into Something That the Party Bosses Cannot Handle Even With Gloves.

JEFFERSON CITY, Mo., Dec. 4.—(Special Correspondence.)—And now it is all rough sailing again for the republican party of Missouri. Just when a portion of the "wet" St. Louis machine had agreed with a majority of the rural dry leaders that Senator Selden P. Spencer was to be renominated at the August primary to succeed himself, and it was to be forgotten that he voted against lifting the wartime prohibition, lid when that proposition was up for consideration in the United States Senate in early November, word comes from Excelsior Springs that the western g. o. p. leader, Liv. Morse, had again rocked the party boat through launching a senatorial boom in that end of Missouri for J. L. Minnis of St. Louis, Vice-President and general solicitor for the Wabash railroad. Throughout Missouri, the belief is and has always been that Morse never makes a political move unless Joe Black of Richmond and Tom Marks of Kansas City, two more g. o. p. leaders of western Missouri are with him.

## Dickey Out of It

When rural republicans learned that Morse had come out openly and above-board for Attorney Minnis they readily concluded that the Excelsior Springs party leader knew for a certainty that "Walter C. Dickey, the millionaire clay product manufacturer of the Kay, had definitely made it known through Tom Marks and Joe Black that he would not be a candidate for the senatorial party nomination at the coming August primary. Dickey who was easily defeated by Senator Reed four years ago, is a Canadian by birth, and, it is said, that when he looked the situation over and discovered that if nominated he would have to depend for his election on the votes of thousands of g. o. p. pro-Germans of St. Louis, Kansas City, St. Joseph and other Missouri cities, including those who live in Franklin, Gasconade, Cole, Osage, Warren, Jefferson, Ste. Genevieve, St. Charles, Scott, Perry, and Cape Girardeau counties it went against his Americanism.

## Morse to Make It Known

Further advice from Excelsior Springs is that Morse intends to journey early in December to St. Louis to make it definitely known there to the various party factions there that the republicans of western Missouri will not stand for the renomination of Senator Spencer. Not alone it is stated, is his dry vote in the Senate on wartime prohibition objected to in Kansas City and St. Joseph and Excelsior Springs by the rank and file of the republican party, but it is pointed out there are other weak spots in his record as Junior Senator from Missouri during the last two years. The opposition is calling forth that on July 4, in Fredericksburg, Va., he delivered an address attacking Teutonic culture, enlightenment and humanitarian traits, which, while entirely timely appropriate and truly American was accepted with bad grace by the many Missouri republicans of German birth and extraction, who even today do not believe that Germany was wrong, and these utterances have not been forgotten.

## The Drys Are For Spencer

The definite announcement in St. Louis of Senator Spencer three days ago that he would be a candidate to succeed himself has made the prohibition element of the republican party out in the state more determined than ever to again nominate him, regardless of whether or not he adds strength to the 1920 g. o. p. state ticket. On the other hand with Liv. Morse and other republican leaders of western Missouri joining forces with that portion of the republican party of St. Louis and elsewhere in the eastern half of the state which is solidly against renominating Senator Spencer, the coming primary fight for control threatens to disrupt the republican party to such an extent that

## THE SKUNK OF ALL SKUNKS

The skunk who will profiteer at the expense of the unfortunate in this present time of distress should be either tarred and feathered and then turned loose to roam the streets with no other protection from the cold than his tar and feather garb, or he should be tied securely to a post in Market Square and kept there until he is nearly frozen to death. One of these skunks is a trans- for man who has a stand on Moments street. Unfortunately this skunk's name is not known or it would be printed in this account in big black face type in order that all people might know and avoid him in future. On Wednesday a widow, with three children had managed to gather together a miscellaneous assortment of wood which she had piled up on a vacant lot, and then was unable to carry it home. She appealed to this king of skunks, offering to pay a small amount (all she had) if he would haul it to her home five blocks away. This benevolent skunk told her that it would cost her \$3, and refused to budge for less. Upon his refusal the woman began to cry, when a kind-hearted truck driver for a wholesale hardware came along and rescuing her plight, hauled the fuel to her home without the charge of a penny.

## HOLIDAY FIRE WARNINGS

Inspector McCreath Issues Instructions Which Should Be Promptly Heeded And Obeyed.

The St. Joseph Fire Prevention Bureau is compelled to call the attention of the public to the danger of life and property from Christmas display and decorations to churches, public buildings, schools and department stores that use Christmas greens and other inflammable material, such as, drapery, scenery and cotton, to represent snow and especially the lightings. It is decidedly impossible to make displays of this nature perfectly safe.

Christmas trees should not be allowed to remain inside of buildings after the holidays, as the tree itself ignites readily when it becomes dry. A large number of fires annually occur from such causes. Every year children are burned to death from Christmas displays and candles. Candles should not be used on Christmas trees. Electricity should be used, for when properly installed it is safe.

Christmas displays cannot be made too safe on account of the additional danger to property, especially where candles are used in stores, churches and public buildings. Panics occur occasionally and more or less damage is done.

The insurance companies have made a study of such hazards and they would be only partly filling their duties should they fail to give this warning to the public.

JOSEPH McCREATH, Inspector

## DEMOCRATIC WOMEN ELECT

Met at the Home of Mrs. Herbert A. Owen and Held a Real Caucus.

The shortage of fuel and the bad weather did not dampen the ardor of the thirty democratic women who met at the home of Mrs. Herbert A. Owen, state committeewoman, Thursday forenoon, and held a caucus. At the same time Mrs. Owen announced the appointment of Mrs. T. J. Lysaght as chairman of the city ward committeemen and Mrs. John M. Crawford as chairman of the township committeemen from rural Buchanan county.

The Democratic organization of Buchanan county women will be perfected at a women's mass meeting to be called as soon as the fuel situation permits. Mrs. Owen will announce later the appointment of the women to represent the city wards in the county organization.

The hostile factions will carry their difference into the polling places on election day of next November and settle the disputed points there.

It is announced from Western Missouri that if attorney Minnis cannot be persuaded to enter the contest against Senator Spencer some other strong g. o. p. candidate will be discovered somewhere in rural Missouri who will run. There is talk of dearing Judge Henry Lamm of Sedalia to get into the republican senatorial derby, regardless of his age and his statement that he aspires for no further political honors from his party if it becomes necessary to find a compromise candidate to bring all elements together. A. T. EDMONSTON.